of the work. The increase in the cost, if any, will be known when the tender is finalised.

Targets for opening new Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan

892. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets set by Government to open new post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in the State of Rajasthan in the year 1990-91;

(b) what are the details of targets fixed and achieved for the opening of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges during the year 1989-90;

(c) whether it is a fact that the targets could not be achieved because of the norms fixed for this purpose as they are not suitable due to the special geographical situation of vast area and thin population in the districts of Rajasthan and specially in the Western part of the State; and

(d) whether Government propose to relax the norms to suit the specific situation in Rajasthan for Eight Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) State-wise targets for opening of post offices in 1990-91 will be laid down after the norms are reviewed/revised. Initially telegraph service is provided through long distance public telephones. Hence no separate targets have been fixed for opening telegraph offices in 1990-91. A target of 50 telephone exchanges has been fixed for the year.

(b) The target fixed for opening of post offices in Rajasthan during 1989-90 was 125 branch post offices and 4 sub post offices. Besides, 24 long distance public telephones were provided in 1989-90 in post offices for giving telegraph service on phonocom basis. As for telephone exchanges, 50 new exchanges were opened during 1989-90 against the target of 40.

(c) Ministry of Finance have desired that the programme of opening of post offices implemented during 1988-89 and earlier years may be reviewed and new norms worked out on the basis of the review. Pending completion of this exercise, only a limited number of post offices have been sanctioned in 1989-90 including 46 branch post offices and 3 sub post offices for Rajasthan.

(d) The proposed revision of norms will take into account all the relevant factors in the different regions of the country.

Pension to Goa Freedom Fighters

893. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received applications from Goa freedom fighters;

(b) if so, what is the number thereof;

(c) what is the number of applications disposed of so far; and

(d) the number of the applicants who have been granted pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Statistics are being maintained State/Union Territory-wise and not struggle/movement-wise. The number of applications received from Goa, Daman & Diu upto the prescribed date, viz., 31-3-1982 is 3,257. All these applications have been disposed of. Pension has been granted in 872 cases. The other cases did not fulfil the eligibility criteria laid down by the Government.